

Appl. No.: TBA  
Amdt. Dated: August 27, 2003

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for promoting a skin basement membrane formation promoting agent in a subject for which the skin basement membrane formation is necessary, comprising administering a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor to said subject.

2. (currently amended) A method for promoting a skin basement membrane formation promoting agent in a subject for which the skin basement membrane formation is necessary, comprising administering a matrix metalloproteinase inhibitor and a matrix protein production promoting agent to said subject.

3 - 6. (canceled)